President.—But what do you say? Are these questions and answers an item of business or not?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—It is an item of business. But it is not as contemplated by S. O. 26.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The rule is as clear as crystal. There it is stated that the business *under discussion* shall be disposed off. I have got my own right to put supplementary question still. This motion for adjournment and closure applies only to *business under discussion*. Questions and answers are not discussed.

President.—It is open to the Legislature to say that this adjournment motion will not apply to questions and answers. From the words used here, we are to infer that this adjournment will not apply to questions and answers. I do not think that any member in any legislature will bring forward such an adjournment motion.

The Leper Asylum at Vendurutti.

429. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have observed any deleterious effect and injury to the health, wealth, happiness and welfare of the towns of Mattancheri, Ernakulam and that of the island of Vendurutti and Bolghatti by the existence of a Leper Asylum at Vendurutti;

(b) the comparative distance of the Vendurutti Leper Asylum to Mattancheri, Ernakulam and Bolghatti with that of Anappara and the present town of Trichur?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) As the matter requires a thorough investigation, no definite answer can be given.

(b) The information required is contained in the statement appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

The tank at Kakkad.

430. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the tank at Kakkad which is mentioned to be under the Sanitary Department [answer to question No. 110 (a)] is a Government tank or a tank under the Devaswam Department or one attached to the Palace at Kakkad, and if it is a Government tank, whether it is open to all castes and creeds, and if not, to mention the castes and creeds which are prohibited from using the tank?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The tank was part of the Kakkad Palace at one time, but was later handed over to the Sanitary Department. The tank shed being part of the Palace, the tank is open to high caste Hindus only.

The Nayadi Colony at Kunnamkulam.

431. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following particulars regarding the Nayadi Colony at Kunnamkulam.—

(1) the date on which it was started;

(2) at whose instance it was started;

(3) by whom is it managed now?

(4) How did it go under the present management?

(5) Is any amount contributed by Government towards the management if so, what?

(6) What arrangements have the Government made for the verification of the accounts kept by the management?

(7) Do the Government get a periodical statement of th accounts?

(8) Will the Government lay on the table the statement for 1100, if they have got it, or will they call for it and lay it on the table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) 26th Mithunam 1097.

(2) At the instance of the Government.

(3) By the Y. M. C. A., Kunnamkulam.

(4) The Y. M. C. A. offered to take charge of it and manage it for the Government, and the Government accepted the offer.

(5) The Government contribute the whole amount required for the maintenance of the colony. The amount is fixed every year according to requirements.

(6) Works are carried out according to sanctioned estimates regularly supervised by the Sanitary Inspector, and the vouchers furnished by the management are checked with reference to the actuals by the Sanitary Department.

(7) No. In the light of the answer above, no periodical statement of accounts seems necessary.

(8) A statement of receipts and expenditure for the year 1100 is appended. (*Vide Appendix X.*)

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